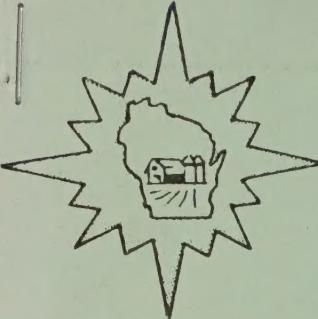


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CREAM OF THE NEWS

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers increased during July for the first gain since March.

Production of milk in Wisconsin and the Nation during July continued above a year earlier.

Wholesale prices of dairy products increased sharply from June to July.

Weekly estimates for July indicate that butter production in Wisconsin and the Nation will be above a year ago for the first time in several months.

Cold storage stocks of cheese in the Nation at the end of July were up 8 percent, but stocks of butter were down 16 percent.

The index of prices received for Wisconsin farm products as of mid-July was 1 percent above last year as higher prices for milk, eggs, and most crops offset declines in livestock prices.

The mid-August forecast of cranberry production in Wisconsin and the Nation indicated a larger crop than in 1975.

Feeder pig prices in Wisconsin for July were down \$11.10 from April and were \$6.00 below a year ago.

Beef production in Wisconsin during June continued above a year earlier as it has since August 1975.

Prices of good grade fed steers at the St. Paul market and feeder steers at Kansas City declined again during July.

Cold storage stocks of beef in the Nation at the end of July were up 45 percent from a year earlier, but pork supplies declined 15 percent.

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market in July were \$2.49 below June and \$9.14 less than July 1975.

Based on conditions as of August 1, production of Wisconsin's three major crops of corn, hay, and oats was expected to be substantially under last year.

CHEESE STOCKS UP 8 PERCENT

Cold storage stocks of cheese in the Nation at the end of July were 8 percent above a year earlier. There were 513.7 million pounds of cheese in cold storage on July 31. Of that amount, American cheese stocks accounted for 446.5 million pounds. Supplies of Swiss cheese in cold storage at the end of July were down 8 percent from the previous year but stocks of all other cheese increased 7 percent.

Cold storage stocks of butter in the Nation on July 31 totaled nearly 82 million pounds, a decline of 16 percent from a year ago. Government butter stocks at the end of July were just slightly over 3 million pounds compared with more than 63 million pounds a year earlier.

COLD STORAGE STOCKS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE

COMMODITY	JULY 31	JULY 31	JULY 31	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
	1974	1975	1976	PERCENT
UNITED STATES				
BUTTER	130,707	97,781	81,934	- 16
CHEESE, AMERICAN . .	488,119	412,942	446,505	+ 8
CHEESE, SWISS . . .	14,626	10,833	9,947	- 8
CHEESE, ALL OTHER. .	63,235	53,361	57,248	+ 7
CHEESE, TOTAL . . .	565,980	477,136	513,700	+ 8
WISCONSIN				
BUTTER	7,034	8,502	7,300	- 14
CHEESE, AMERICAN . .	267,352	224,123	227,425	+ 1
GOVERNMENT STOCKS				
BUTTER	31,629	63,482	3,193	- 95
CHEESE, AMERICAN . .	660	5,948	615	- 90

MANUFACTURERS' STOCKS OF OTHER DAIRY PRODUCTS UNITED STATES

Commodity	June 30	June 30	June 30	Change from last year Percent
	1974	1975	1976	
1,000 pounds				
Dried whole milk	13,054	7,094	10,556	+ 49
Dried skim milk	194,304	115,024	122,559	+ 7
Dried buttermilk	9,492	5,136	6,592	+ 28
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/...	127,378	104,045	125,913	+ 21

1/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.

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MILK PRICE
UP IN JULY

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers in July are expected to average \$9.05 a hundredweight, an increase of 24 cents from June. This was the first gain in milk prices since March. A year ago in July the average price for milk in Wisconsin was \$7.73 a hundredweight.

Milk prices for June averaged \$8.81 a hundredweight, down 10 cents from the previous month but \$1.27 above last year. Milkfat content during June averaged 3.62 percent compared with 3.68 percent in June 1975.

Milk for the Grade A market averaged \$8.90 a hundredweight in June, a decline of 17 cents from a month earlier but \$1.24 more than a year ago. Manufacturing grade milk averaged \$8.66 a hundredweight during June, up 2 cents from May and \$1.30 above June 1975. The spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 24 cents in June compared with 30 cents last year.

MILK PRICES 1/

Selected States	May 1976		June price per cwt.			July 1976 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1975	1976	76/75	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin	3.69	8.91	7.54	8.81	+ 17	9.05
Minnesota	3.57	8.49	7.16	8.40	+ 17	8.65
Iowa	3.61	8.80	7.40	8.80	+ 19	8.90
New York	3.62	9.05	7.59	8.95	+ 18	9.45
California	3.49	8.95	8.51	8.85	+ 4	9.00
United States	3.59	9.23	7.99	9.11	+ 14	9.28
Wisconsin utilization						
Market milk	3.69	9.07	7.66	8.90	+ 16	xxx
Manufacturing milk....	3.69	8.64	7.36	8.66	+ 18	xxx
Creameries	3.70	8.70	7.55	8.72	+ 15	xxx
Cheese factories....	3.69	8.64	7.37	8.66	+ 18	xxx
Varied prod.plants..	3.69	8.60	7.26	8.63	+ 19	xxx

1/ Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/ Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

WISCONSIN 3.5 TEST MILK PRICES 1/

UTILIZATION	JUNE 1975	MAY 1976	JUNE 1976 2/	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
	DOLLARS PER CWT.			PERCENT
MILK FOR ALL USES	7.22	8.45	8.52	+ 18
MARKET MILK	7.38	8.60	8.63	+ 17
MANUFACTURING MILK	6.98	8.19	8.33	+ 19
CREAMERIES	6.96	8.23	8.41	+ 21
AMERICAN CHEESE PLANTS. . .	6.97	8.19	8.32	+ 34
VARIED PRODUCTS PLANTS. . .	6.95	8.16	8.34	+ 20
FEDERAL ORDER MARKETS	7.57	8.88	8.84	+ 17
CHICAGO REGIONAL BASE ZONE				

1/ COMPUTED EQUIVALENTS. 2/ PRELIMINARY.

MILK PRODUCTION REMAINS
ABOVE A YEAR AGO

Milk production in Wisconsin and the Nation during July continued above a year ago. The State's milk output of 1,772 million pounds for July was up 7 percent from July 1975. Production declined seasonally 8 percent from June to July, the same drop as in that period last year. While the number of milk cows on Wisconsin farms in July was below a year earlier, production per cow was up 70 pounds. Pasture conditions continued to deteriorate during July's hot, dry weather. The August 1 pasture condition for Wisconsin was reported as only 35 percent of normal, the lowest for that date since 1936.

The Nation's milk production in July totaled 10,448 million pounds, an increase of 5 percent from a year earlier. Higher milk production per cow offset lower milk cow numbers. The milk-feed price ratio for July declined from June but was above last year. Pasture and range feed conditions in the Nation as of August 1 were below a year ago. Drought persisted in the North Central States while very poor conditions existed in the southwest.

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MILK PRODUCTION

SELECTED STATES	JULY 1975	JULY 1976	JAN.-JULY 1976	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	
				JULY	JAN.-JULY
MILLION POUNDS					
WISCONSIN	1,651	1,772	12,300	+ 7	+ 6
MINNESOTA	713	766	5,923	+ 7	+ 2
IOWA	344	371	2,446	+ 8	+ 3
NEW YORK	823	846	6,183	+ 3	+ 3
PENNSYLVANIA.	596	642	4,413	+ 8	+ 4
CALIFORNIA	974	1,051	6,754	+ 8	+ 7
OTHER STATES.	4,866	5,000	33,971	+ 3	+ 2
UNITED STATES .	9,967	10,448	71,990	+ 5	+ 4

JUNE BUTTER PRODUCTION
4 PERCENT UNDER LAST YEAR

Butter production in Wisconsin and the Nation during June was 4 percent below the previous year. California made 17 percent more butter in June than a year ago, but Minnesota had a decline of 22 percent and all other states were down 1 percent.

Cheese production in the Nation for June was up 17 percent from a year earlier. Output of

American cheese increased 22 percent and Italian cheese production gained 12 percent. Swiss cheese production during June was 11 percent above last year and output of Brick and Muenster was up 2 percent, but all other varieties declined 7 percent.

Wisconsin produced 83.6 million pounds of American cheese in June, an increase of 16 percent from the previous year. Output of American cheese in Minnesota for June was 46 percent greater than a year ago. Iowa manufactured 22 percent more American cheese in June than a year earlier, while all other states had a gain of 21 percent.

Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	June 1975	June 1976	Jan.-June 1976	Change from last year			
				June	Jan.-June		
	1,000 pounds				Percent		
BUTTER							
Wisconsin	20,154	19,400	121,300	- 4	- 3		
Minnesota	21,863	17,035	103,705	- 22	- 22		
California	10,662	12,500	80,300	+ 17	+ 14		
Other states	35,296	35,092	229,392	- 1	- 8		
United States	87,975	84,027	534,697	- 4	- 8		
CHEESE, AMERICAN							
Wisconsin	72,277	83,600	442,000	+ 16	+ 17		
Minnesota	23,298	34,055	184,650	+ 46	+ 36		
Iowa	7,871	9,600	53,010	+ 22	+ 26		
Other states	65,934	80,002	383,622	+ 21	+ 17		
United States	169,380	207,257	1,063,282	+ 22	+ 20		
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS							
United States							
Swiss	17,613	19,597	102,200	+ 11	+ 17		
Brick and Muenster.	6,485	6,646	40,961	+ 2	+ 19		
Italian	59,028	66,076	375,281	+ 12	+ 14		
All other	22,004	20,435	114,108	- 7	+ 3		
Total	105,130	112,754	632,550	+ 7	+ 13		
ALL CHEESE							
United States	274,510	320,011	1,695,832	+ 17	+ 17		
OTHER PRODUCTS							
Cottage Cheese							
United States							
Curd 1/	62,537	63,074	368,215	+ 1	+ 2		
Creamed 2/	76,771	78,775	457,606	+ 3	+ 3		
Ice Cream							
Wisconsin	1,906	1,800	8,650	- 6	- 8		
Illinois	4,643	4,500	21,030	- 3	- 8		
Iowa	1,087	1,140	5,615	+ 5	+ 5		
Michigan	3,689	3,240	18,550	- 12	+ 5		
Minnesota	2,746	2,565	12,405	- 7	- 17		
Other states	70,218	67,656	338,996	- 4	n.c.		
United States	84,289	80,901	405,246	- 4	- 1		

1/ Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/ Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

JULY BUTTER PRODUCTION
COULD EXCEED YEAR AGO

Weekly estimates for July indicate that butter production in Wisconsin and the Nation could be higher than a year ago. The National output of butter for July is expected to be 5 percent above last year. This would be the first time since April 1975 that butter production in the Nation exceeded a year earlier. Butter output for the Nation in the first half of 1976 was 8 percent under that period in 1975. Wisconsin's butter production during July will be above the previous year, after showing a 3 percent decline from January through June.

American cheese production in Wisconsin and the Nation during July will remain well above a year ago. The Nation's output of American cheese for July could be up 28 percent from the previous year, following a 20 percent increase in the first half of 1976. American cheese production in Wisconsin for July will show a greater gain from a year earlier than the 17 percent increase during January through June.

RECENT CHANGES IN BUTTER AND CHEESE OUTPUT

PERIODS	BUTTER			AMERICAN CHEESE		
	UNITED STATES		WISCONSIN	UNITED STATES		WISCONSIN
	PRODUCTION	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	PRODUCTION 1976	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
	1,000 LBS.	PERCENT	PERCENT	1,000 LBS.	PERCENT	PERCENT
JUNE	84,027	- 4	- 4	207,257	+ 22	+ 16
JAN.-JUNE.....	534,697	- 8	- 3	1,063,282	+ 20	+ 17
WEEKS ENDING						
JULY 8 ...	17,300	- 3	+ 6	45,000	+ 29	+ 25
15 ...	17,000	+ 5	+ 13	43,000	+ 26	+ 19
22 ...	16,400	+ 8	+ 6	42,780	+ 29	+ 24
29 ...	15,700	+ 15	+ 11	41,200	+ 27	+ 23
TOTAL	66,400	+ 5	XXXX	171,980	+ 28	XXXX

WHOLESALE DAIRY PRICES UP SHARPLY

Wholesale prices of dairy products increased sharply from June to July. The 92-score butter price at New York averaged over \$1.08 a pound in July. This was about 11 cents higher than in June and 29 1/2 cents above July last year.

Cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks averaged slightly over \$1.00 a pound at Wisconsin assembly points during July. The wholesale price of cheddar cheese increased about 4 1/2 cents from June and was more than 15 cents above July 1975.

Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	July 1975	June 1976	July 1976 ^{1/}
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound	78.79¢	97.42¢	108.36¢
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/	84.82¢	95.53¢	100.12¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/.....	111.65¢	123.50¢	127.25¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range	\$11.55-12.52	\$13.20-14.22	\$ - -
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound	60.45¢	62.69¢	62.79¢

^{1/} Preliminary estimates. ^{2/} Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

CRANBERRY CROP MAY BE LARGER

The mid-August forecast of cranberry production in Wisconsin and the Nation for 1976 indicates a larger crop than last year. Production in Wisconsin is estimated at 860,000 barrels compared with 837,000 barrels in 1975. Development of the crop is a week to ten days ahead of normal as growing conditions have been good to excellent. Little hail or insect damage is reported, and winter damage was light. Record low temperatures in early August forced growers to sprinkle more often than usual, further lowering water supplies which had been below normal due to the extended dry weather from May to mid-July.

The Nation's cranberry production is forecast at 2.3 million barrels, up 9 percent from 1975 and the second largest crop ever. Increases expected in the major states of Massachusetts and Wisconsin will easily offset small reductions for New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX HIGHER IN MID-JULY

The prices received index for Wisconsin farm products as of mid-July was up 7 points (1.2 percent) from a month earlier. Higher prices for milk, eggs, and most crops offset declines in livestock prices. At 585 percent of the 1910-14 base, the index of prices received was 54 points (10 percent) above July 15, 1975.

Steers and heifers averaged \$33.40 a hundredweight as of mid-July, down \$2.50 from the previous month and \$9.10 below last year. Slaughter cows averaged \$26.00 a hundredweight for July, a decline of \$1.40 from June but up \$4.00 from a year ago.

Prices of milk cows remained unchanged from June to July. At \$540.00 each in mid-July, milk cows were \$65.00 above July 1975. Calves averaged \$36.50 a hundredweight in July, down \$3.80 from a month earlier but \$2.90 higher than the previous year.

Lamb prices declined sharply from June to July. At \$42.70 a hundredweight on July 15, lambs were \$6.20 less than in June and \$1.00 below a year ago. Sheep averaged \$11.10 a hundredweight for July, a drop of 90 cents from a month earlier but \$2.70 above last year.

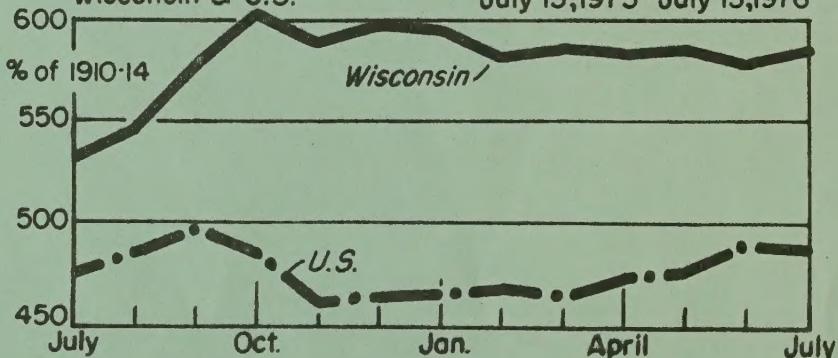
Hog prices continued unchanged at \$47.70 a hundredweight in mid-July, but were \$5.60 under July 1975.

Eggs increased 3 1/2 cents a dozen from June to July. At 47 1/2 cents a dozen on July 15, eggs were nearly 5 cents higher than a year earlier. Turkeys averaged 35 cents a pound liveweight in July, the same as June but 4 cents lower than last year.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

Wisconsin & U.S.

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CRANBERRY PRODUCTION

State	Production of Cranberries				1976 Indicated	
	1974		1975			
	Total	Utilized	Total	Utilized		
Massachusetts	932.0	932.0	785.0	785.0	950.0	
New Jersey	250.0	250.0	221.0	221.0	220.0	
Oregon	92.0	92.0	97.1	97.1	95.0	
Washington	92.0	92.0	135.0	135.0	132.0	
WISCONSIN	870.0	870.0	837.0	837.0	860.0	
UNITED STATES	2,236.0	2,236.0	2,075.1	2,075.1	2,257.0	

Corn prices gained 6 cents a bushel from June to July. At \$2.84 a bushel for mid-July, corn was 12 cents above a year ago and the highest since August 1975. Wheat averaged \$3.01 a bushel in July, down 9 cents from the previous month and 2 cents below July 1975.

Soybean prices rose sharply from June to July. At \$6.54 a bushel on July 15, soybeans were 79 cents higher than in June and \$1.40 above last year. Oats averaged \$1.54 a bushel in mid-July, up 2 cents from June and 16 cents more than a year ago.

Baled alfalfa hay averaged a record high of \$62.00 a ton on July 15, a gain of \$5.00 from the previous month and \$16.50 greater than last year.

PRICES RECEIVED BY WISCONSIN FARMERS

Commodity	Unit	July 15 1974	July 15 1975	June 15 1976	July 15 1976
		Dollars			
Milk cows	Head	575.00	475.00	540.00	540.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	32.30	42.50	35.90	33.40
Cows	Cwt.	24.00	22.00	27.40	26.00
Calves	Cwt.	38.70	33.60	40.30	36.50
Hogs	Cwt.	29.00	53.30	47.70	47.70
Sheep 1/.....	Cwt.	9.00	8.40	12.00	11.10
Lambs 1/.....	Cwt.	39.20	43.70	48.90	42.70
Turkeys	Lb.	.240	.390	.350	.350
Eggs	Doz.	.344	.427	.440	.475
Corn	Bu.	3.05	2.72	2.78	2.84
Wheat 1/	Bu.	3.89	3.03	3.10	3.01
Oats	Bu.	1.42	1.38	1.52	1.54
Soybeans 1/	Bu.	6.05	5.14	5.75	6.54
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	29.00	45.50	57.00	62.00

1/ Monthly prices for Wisconsin have been discontinued as part of the official U.S.D.A. program but will be continued as part of the State program.

FEEDER PIG PRICES LOWER IN JULY

Feeder pig prices in Wisconsin declined from April to July. Wisconsin farmers reported paying an average of \$33.80 in July for a feeder pig weighing 41 pounds, a decline of \$11.10 from the April quarter and \$6.00 under a year ago. This was the first time since January 1975 that feeder pig prices in Wisconsin were below a year earlier.

WISCONSIN FEEDER PIG PRICES AND WEIGHTS 1/

Year	January	April	July	October	Dollars per head	
					Pounds per head	
1965	10.50	12.10	13.00	15.15		
1966	20.65	20.00	16.60	16.30		
1967	14.50	14.75	15.20	14.90		
1968	13.70	15.40	15.10	15.20		
1969	14.00	16.40	17.80	19.00		
1970	21.50	24.50	18.80	12.60		
1971	9.35	12.05	12.80	14.30		
1972	18.50	21.70	23.30	23.50		
1973	24.80	30.90	34.50	32.10		
1974	30.70	27.60	17.20	18.20		
1975	23.60	37.30	39.80	49.40		
1976	41.00	44.90	33.80			

1/ Prices paid by farmers and weights are average for the month as reported by Wisconsin Crop Correspondents.

BEEF PRODUCTION CONTINUES HIGHER

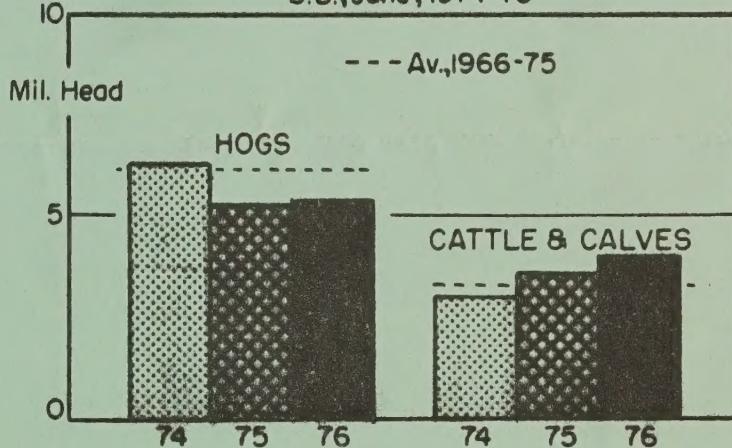
Production of beef in Wisconsin during June remained above a year ago as it has since August 1975. Output of beef for June was 17 percent greater than last year. There were 125,000 cattle slaughtered in June, an increase of 14,000 from a year earlier. Average liveweight of cattle slaughtered during June was 1,074 pounds, 38 pounds heavier than in June 1975.

The 219,000 hogs butchered during June were 34,000 fewer than a year ago and the lowest for that month since 1968. Hog liveweight averaged 247 pounds for June, just 1 pound more than the previous year. Pork production in June was down 13 percent from last year.

Calf slaughter totaled 34,500 head during June, an increase of 3,000 from a year earlier. With average liveweight of calves up 35 pounds from June a year ago, veal production gained 42 percent.

The 400 sheep and lambs slaughtered in June were 100 more than in June 1975.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER U.S., June, 1974-76



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

AREA	NUMBER		LIVEWIGHT		
	JUNE 1975	1976	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	JUNE 1975	1976
				1,000 HEAD	PERCENT
CATTLE				MILLION POUNDS	
WISCONSIN . . .	111.0	125.0	+ 13	115.0	134.3
UNITED STATES 1/	3,193.5	3,575.9	+ 12	3,153.5	3,647.2
CALVES					
WISCONSIN . . .	31.5	34.5	+ 10	3.7	5.3
UNITED STATES 1/	382.0	410.3	+ 7	111.7	111.0
HOGS					
WISCONSIN . . .	253.0	219.0	- 13	62.2	54.1
UNITED STATES 1/	5,385.6	5,400.3	N.C.	1,306.9	1,293.9
SHEEP & LAMBS					
WISCONSIN . . .	.3	.4	+ 33	.029	.040
UNITED STATES 1/	635.9	523.7	- 18	64.2	54.8

1/ EXCLUDES ALASKA

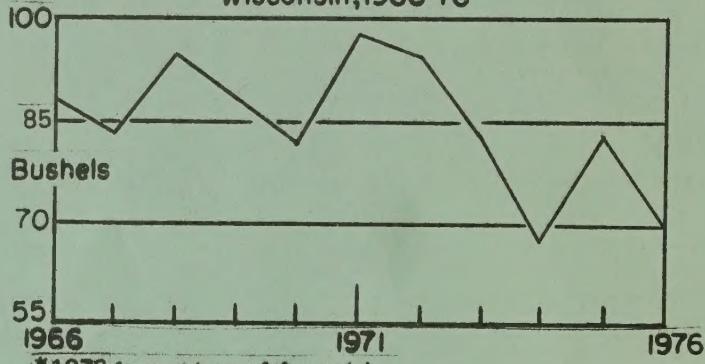
AUGUST CROP REPORT

Crops in Wisconsin showed some improvement after the middle of July as rainfall became more regular. Below normal rainfall in May, June, and the first half of July affected crop yields though. High temperatures and the lack of moisture in early July put corn and other crops under a severe heat and moisture stress. Substantial rains finally occurred in the northern two-thirds of Wisconsin on July 19-20, and in the southern half on July 28.

Based on conditions as of August 1, production of corn for grain in Wisconsin was estimated at 161 million bushels. This would be 19 percent less than in 1975. The yield per acre is expected to average 70 bushels, down 13 bushels from last year. There is a great variation in Wisconsin's corn crop for 1976 depending on date planted, soil type, fertility, weed control, pollination, and moisture received. Corn on heavier soils survived on minimal moisture supplies during the drought, but corn on sandy or light soils was hurt beyond recovery. Development of the corn crop is a little behind last year but slightly ahead of normal. Cool nights in the first half of August slowed maturity. Hot, humid weather after mid-August hastened the maturing process.

CORN FOR GRAIN: Yield per Acre

Wisconsin, 1966-76*



*1976 forecast as of August 1.

CROP SUMMARY OF WISCONSIN FOR AUGUST 1, 1976

Crop	Acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production		
	1975	1976 (prelimi- nary)	1975	1976 (prelimi- nary)		1975	1976 (prelimi- nary)	
	Thousands							
FIELD CROPS								
Corn for grain	2,390	2,300	83.0	70.0	Bu.	198,370	161,000	
Oats	1,350	1,250	55.0	36.0	Bu.	74,250	45,000	
Barley	35	36	43.0	30.0	Bu.	1,505	1,080	
Rye	15	15	21.0	20.0	Bu.	315	300	
Wheat (all)	93	85	30.3	33.8	Bu.	2,820	2,876	
Winter	72	62	31.0	36.0	Bu.	2,232	2,232	
Spring	21	23	28.0	28.0	Bu.	588	644	
Soybeans for beans	191	155	25.5	18.0	Bu.	4,871	2,790	
Potatoes (fall)	49.5	54.5	300	1/	Cwt.	14,850	1/	
Tobacco (all)	11.0	11.3	1,891	1,726	Lb.	20,801	19,500	
Type 54	5.6	5.8	1,945	1,750	Lb.	10,892	10,150	
Type 55	5.4	5.5	1,835	1,700	Lb.	9,909	9,350	
HAY AND FORAGE								
Hay (all)	3,970	3,970	2.67	2.08	Ton	10,602	8,258	
Alfalfa and mixture	3,020	3,000	2.85	2.30	Ton	8,607	6,900	
All other	950	970	2.10	1.40	Ton	1,995	1,358	
VEGETABLE CROPS								
Carrots 2/	1.4	1.8	405	--	Cwt.	567	--	
Cabbage 2/	3.4	2.7	405	--	Cwt.	1,377	--	
Lettuce 2/ . . . . .	.9	3/	120	3/	Cwt.	108	3/
Onions, commercial	1.2	1.2	260	--	Cwt.	312	--	
For processing								
Green lima beans	11.2	3.8*	1.02	--	Ton 4/	11.4	--	
Peas	133.1	106.7*	1.21	1.00	Ton 4/	161.2	106.7	
Snap beans	64.8	55.0*	2.21	2.30	Ton	143.2	126.5	
Sweet corn	142.0	136.5*	3.65	--	Ton	517.7	--	
Cucumbers for pickles	10.2	11.0*	4.25	--	Ton	43.4	--	
Beets for canning	7.3	6.8*	12.37	--	Ton	90.3	--	
FRUITS, ETC.								
Apples, commercial	--	--	--	--	Lb.	64,000	56,000	
Tart cherries	--	--	--	--	Ton	5.2	3.4	
Mint (all)	8.9	11.1	38	37	Lb.	338	414	
Cranberries	--	--	--	--	Bbl.	837	860	

* Planted contract acreage except for peas and snap beans harvested acreage. 1/ Estimates released Oct. 12.

2/ Summer quarter acreage includes portion processed. 3/ Annual estimate only. 4/ Shelled.

Harvesting of oats was nearly completed by mid-August in the west and south. Yields were better than expected on the early oats. Oats were poor in the northern part of the State where considerable acreage was chopped for oatlage. Quality and bushel weight of oats for grain were good but straw length was short. As of August 1, production of oats in Wisconsin for 1976 was estimated at 45 million bushels, the smallest crop since 1887. The yield per acre of oats was expected to average only 36 bushels, down 19 bushels from 1975 and the lowest since 1941. Harvested acreage for grain in 1976 was forecast at a reduced 1,250,000 acres due to more abandonment and increased utilization for oatlage. Yields of barley and spring wheat were below normal in 1976 but winter wheat yields were better than last year.

BEEF STOCKS 45 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR AGO

Cold storage stocks of beef in the Nation at the end of July were up 45 percent from a year earlier. There were more than 390 million pounds of beef in cold storage on July 31 compared with only 269 million pounds last year. However, beef stocks at the end of July were 2 percent below July 31, 1974.

Pork supplies in cold storage declined by 40.5 million pounds during July. The 195.4 million pounds of pork in cold storage on July 31 were 15 percent under a year earlier and 33 percent lower than two years ago.

Stocks of all meat in cold storage at the end of July were up 16 percent from the previous year due to the higher beef supplies.

RAINFALL IN INCHES, BY DISTRICTS, WISCONSIN

District	Month of July			Since April 1		
	1975	1976	Normal	1975	1976	Normal
N.W.....	1.9	2.8	4.1	14.1	8.3	15.1
N.C.....	1.7	2.4	4.1	11.4	8.8	14.9
N.E.....	2.1	1.8	3.6	11.3	10.0	13.7
W.C.....	1.6	2.8	3.8	16.3	10.9	15.1
C.....	1.6	3.6	3.4	11.7	11.2	14.3
E.C.....	1.9	3.8	3.3	10.9	11.0	12.8
S.W.....	2.0	2.5	3.9	14.0	11.0	15.4
S.C.....	3.1	2.5	3.8	14.8	10.8	14.2
S.E.....	2.7	2.5	3.7	12.3	12.1	13.6

Dry weather has lowered Wisconsin's hay crop for 1976. Both first and second crop yields were below normal. Rains after mid-July improved prospects for third crop. As of August 1, hay production in Wisconsin was estimated at 8.3 million tons for 1976. This would be 22 percent less than last year and the lowest hay production since 1958. Although hay acreage is comparable to 1975, yields for all hay were expected to average only 2.08 tons per acre in 1976 compared with 2.67 tons the previous year.

Soybean production in Wisconsin for 1976 is expected to be down sharply because of a large reduction in acreage and lower yields. Harvested acreage is forecast at 155,000 acres in 1976, a decline of 36,000 acres from 1975. With the yield per acre estimated at 18 bushels as of August 1, production of soybeans would total only 2.8 million bushels for 1976 compared with 4.9 million bushels a year earlier.

Acreage of tobacco, potatoes, and mint is expected to be up in 1976. Production of tobacco could be under last year as hot, dry weather at and following planting caused uneven stands and growth. Early sweet corn and apples are being harvested, with size reduced by the dry weather. Irrigated potatoes and vegetables are good but the non-irrigated crops are poor to fair. The tart cherry crop was smaller this year as spring frosts and dry weather reduced set and size. Cranberry production in Wisconsin is expected to be higher in 1976 but the apple crop may be down.

Cold Storage Stocks of Meat United States

Commodity	July 31 1974	July 31 1975	June 30 1976	July 31 1976	Change from last year Percent
1,000 pounds					
BEEF					
Frozen	383,888	260,594	397,103	381,346	+ 46
In cure and cured . . .	13,611	8,424	9,519	8,910	+ 6
Total	397,499	269,018	406,622	390,256	+ 45
PORK					
Frozen	277,839	216,310	219,455	178,764	- 17
In cooler	14,002	13,433	16,411	16,613	+ 24
Total	291,841	229,743	235,866	195,377	- 15
OTHER MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS					
Veal, frozen	13,468	8,349	7,522	7,398	- 11
Lamb & mutton, frozen	15,977	9,089	12,258	14,755	+ 62
CANNED MEATS IN COOLER					
Hams	64,222	52,161	55,814	52,230	n.c.
Other meats	13,056	9,824	8,547	11,193	+ 14
Total all meats	796,063	578,184	726,629	671,209	+ 16

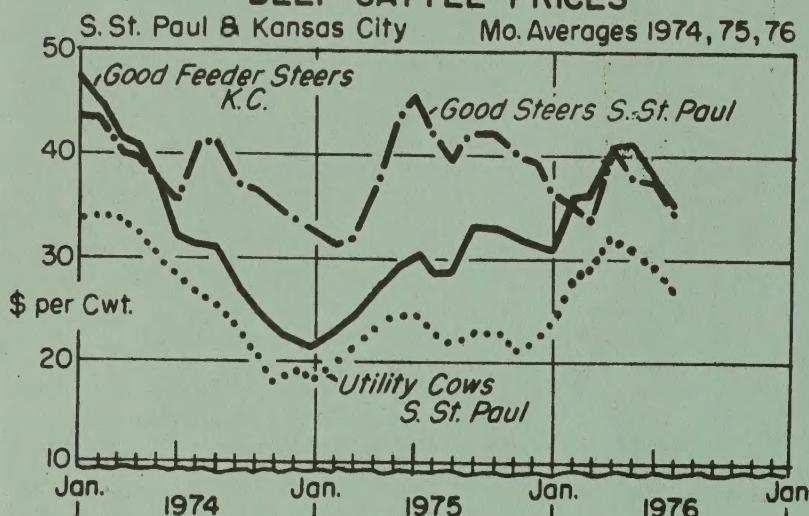
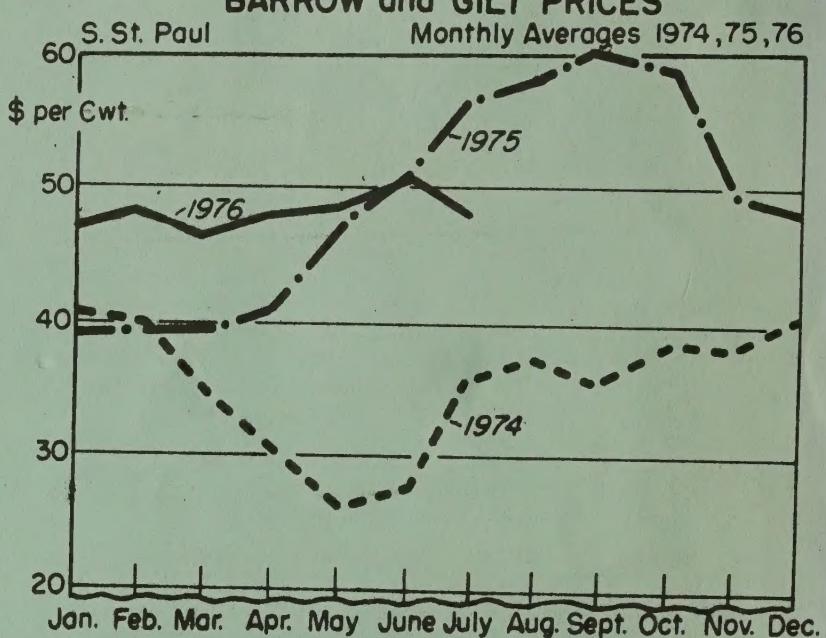
BEEF PRICES DROP AGAIN

Beef prices at the St. Paul and Kansas City markets declined again during July. Good grade fed steers weighing 900-1100 pounds averaged \$34.56 a hundredweight at St. Paul for July, down \$3.25 from the previous month and \$7.80 under last year. Utility cows averaged \$27.07 a hundredweight at the St. Paul market in July, a decline of \$2.06 from June but \$4.34 above a year earlier.

Good grade feeder steers weighing 600-700 pounds averaged \$35.26 a hundredweight at Kansas City during July, down \$3.13 from June but \$6.66 higher than July 1975.

HOG MARKET DOWN

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market declined during July. The average price of \$48.04 a hundredweight for barrows and gilts in July was \$2.49 below June and \$9.14 less than July 1975.

BEEF CATTLE PRICES**BARROW and GILT PRICES**

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